

Public comment from Russ and Rose Walker on September 2, 2014:

Please submit the following comments to the committee during the discussion of the Cannabidiol Implementation Study on September 11, 2014.

- Arizona, Maine, Michigan Nevada, Rhode Island are the only states that will accept a medical marijuana card from another state, thereby creating additional hardship and expense for Iowa families to obtain cannabidiol
- Every state that has passed medical marijuana laws have included additional medical conditions as qualifiers in addition to epilepsy. CBD is well known for helping to control cancer pain, MS spasticity, anxiety, chronic pain, glaucoma, nausea and a host of other ailments. A comprehensive plan will be the most beneficial and most compassionate for the residents of Iowa.
- With the availability of dispensaries and expanded medical marijuana laws in Minnesota and Illinois, Iowa residents would be forced to relocate to either of these two states rather than drive across the country to states that will accept their Iowa medical marijuana card.
- Cannabidiol needs to be excluded from the Controlled Substance Act since it does not contain any psychoactive properties, thus allowing easier access.
- The portion of this bill that states that alternative medications must be tried prior to permitting the use of CBD for epilepsy should be removed. This would prevent children from going through months of expensive drug treatment and prolonged pain and suffering.